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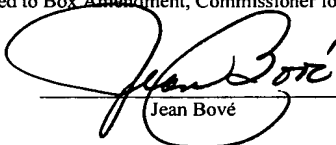
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respond to the Office Action of August 18, 2005, as follows:

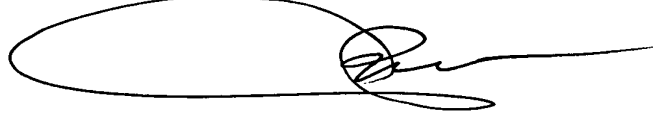
Applicants elect species a), a first NCA monomer, for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

A specific identification of the species is γ -benzyl-L-glutamate NCA (Glu NCA) disclosed, for example at lines 3-4 of paragraph [0082].

All the claims read on the species.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0337. If an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0337. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, loopy 'R' followed by a series of smaller, connected loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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